

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1647**

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 08702.0100-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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WOLFMAN et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1647
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Application No.: 10/071,499)	Examiner: WOODWARD, Cherie
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Filed: February 8, 2002)	
)	Confirmation No.: 3454
For: MODIFIED AND STABILIZED)	
GDF PROPEPTIDES AND USES)	
THEREOF)	

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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 10, 2006, and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants request amendment of this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include:

Attachment A: Bellinge et al., *Animal Genetics* 36:1-6 (2004)

Attachment B: alignment of human and mouse GDF-8 propeptide
sequences

Attachment C: alignment of human GDF-8 and BMP-11 propeptide
sequences